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SUBJECT: YOUTH POLICY - WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL

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1. AT PRESENT NIGERIA HAS NO FIRM PLANS TO SEND DELEGATION TO WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN EAST BERLIN. ACCORDING SECGEN NIGERIAN YOUTH COUNCIL (NYC), FMG WILL NOT ALLOW DELEGATES TO ATTEND EXCEPT THROUGH NYC OR AFFILIATE. NYC ITSELF HAS NO PLANS SEND DELEGATION AS ORGANIZERS FO FESTIVAL SENT INVITATIONS THROUGH " NIGERIAN YOUTH THINKERS CLUB", WHICH IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH NYC DUE TO FACTIONAL DISPUTES WITHIN CLUB.
 2. THINKERS CLUB, WHICH WOULD BE COMMUNIST PARTY YOUTH GROUP IF CP WERE LEGAL IN NIGERIA, DOES PLAN SEND DELEGATION. CLUB OFFICIALS CLAIM EXPECT NO PROBLEM WITH FMG DESPITE LACK AFFILIATION NYC. CLUB INTENDS SELECT DELEGATES DURING RALLY THIS MONTH IN LAGOS. SECGEN NYC INSISTS, HOWEVER, GOV' T WILL PREVENT DELEGATES FROM DEPARTING COUNTRY.
 3. COMMENT: NYC HAS CLOSE TIES WITH FMG, WHICH SUPPLIES MOST OF ITS BUDGET, AND SHOULD ORDINARILY KNOW GOV' T INTENTIONS. BUT AS FMG HAS ALLOWED THINKERS CLUB, UNDER SCRUTINY, TO DISTRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS TO PATRICE LUMUMBA (MOSCOW) UNIVERISTY IN THE PAST EVEN WITHOUT AFFILIATION
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NYC, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE FMG WILL IN FACT PREVENT DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION SELECTED THROUGH CLUB.

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